

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 01 May 2023 until 23:59 on Tuesday 02 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Sunday 30 Apr 2023 at 12:18 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High improving Monday, fair Tuesday, lowering for cloud details from Thursday.

Headline for Monday 01 May 2023: Cloudy start with patchy rain turning to snow at height. Turning bright and mainly dry early afternoon. Strong summit winds easing. Freezing level lowering.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 01 May 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light rain	Light rain	Drizzle	Light rain	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	70%	60%	20%	10%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Monday 01 May 2023

Weather: Cloudy start with periods of light rain or drizzle, turning to snow at highest levels before dawn, with snow level lowering to around 800m by noon. Snow and rain clearing south and east early afternoon with a mix of brighter spells and isolated light showers for the rest of afternoon with snow level around 400m for evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% becoming 80-90% from mid-afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good becoming moderate or poor in rain, very poor in snow and within cloud with bases quite extensive down to 500m at first, infrequently so from mid-afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	19/24 SW	20/25 W	17/22 W	21/29 N	19/26 NE	14/20 NE	13/18 NE	11/16 NE	8/12 NE
900	14/20 SW	14/20 W	12/17 NW	16/23 N	15/22 N	12/18 N	11/16 NE	11/15 NE	8/11 NE
600	17/22 SW	13/18 SW	10/14 W	17/24 N	16/23 NE	11/17 NE	11/17 NE	12/17 NE	9/14 NE
300	9/15 SW	9/14 SW	6/10 W	12/20 N	12/20 NE	9/16 NE	9/15 NE	7/15 NE	5/9 NE
Glen	7/15 SW	6/13 SW	6/12 W	10/19 N	11/20 N	8/15 NE	8/15 NE	6/13 NE	6/13 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	3/-3	2/-4	2/-4	-0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-7	-2/-7	-3/-8	-4/-8
900	5/0	4/-1	4/-0	2/-3	2/-3	3/-2	2/-2	-0/-5	-2/-6
600	7/3	6/2	6/3	4/-0	4/0	5/1	4/1	2/-2	1/-3
300	8/6	8/5	7/6	7/4	8/5	8/6	8/6	5/3	3/1
Glen	10/8	9/8	9/8	10/7	11/9	11/9	10/9	7/5	5/3
Freezing Level*	1700m	1500m	1400m	1100m	1000m	1000m	900m	600m	500m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe wind chill at height. Hill fog quite extensive at first.

Forecast for Tuesday 02 May 2023

Weather: Dry with sunny spells which turn hazy as higher cloud increases during the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Variable 15mph or less

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% plus

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good, becoming very poor within cloud with bases very infrequently lowering to 700m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero Celsius increasing 13 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Zero to minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: Around 700m